

Minutes of the Judiciary and Law Enforcement Committee - September 9, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chair Mitchell. Supervisor Cummings led the committee with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Chair William Mitchell, County Board Supervisors Kathleen Cummings, Keith Harenda, David Swan, Jean Tortomasi; **Absent:** Mareth Kipp and Carl Seitz

Staff Present: Legislative Policy Advisor Mark Mader, Legis. Associate Sandra Meisenheimer

Also Present: Sheriff Deputy Inspector Steve Marks, Business Mgr. Tom Koth, Public Works Director Rich Bolte, Architectural Services Mgr. Dennis Cerreta, Architectural Engineering Technician Mike Wells, Building Operations Mgr. Mark Keckeisen, Medical Examiner Dr. Lynda Biedrzycki, Clerk of Courts Carolyn Evenson, Chief Judge Kathryn Foster, Financial Budget Analyst Mike Baniel

Approve Minutes of August 12, 2005

Motion: Tortomasi moved, second by Swan, to approve the minutes of 8/12/05. **Motion carried 5 – 0.**

Correspondence

1. Cummings said there have been complaints about the coffee that is served to jurors. She has information on “The Keurig B2003 Premium Coffee System,” which is a one-cup-at-a-time system, and will give the info to Clerk of Courts Evenson.
2. Harenda said his address is wrong on the Journal Sentinel website. The County Board Office Services Coordinator will check into it.

Future Agenda Items by Committee Members

Mitchell mentioned that Lieutenant Wood will be agendized at a future meeting to give an update on his trip to Russia. Also, a tour of the jail could be scheduled for the next meeting.

Future Meeting Dates

The next scheduled committee meeting is on Friday, September 30. There will be a Capital Projects Tour on Friday, September 23, which will cover the northwest and southeast parts of the county.

Consider Proposed Ordinance: 160-O-048 Amend 2005 Sheriff’s Department Budget - Expenditure of Seized Funds - September 2005

Marks and Koth were present. Marks explained the ordinance, which authorizes the use of \$27,000 of federal asset forfeiture seized funds to purchase 50 Dictaphone units in order to comply with a Wisconsin Supreme Court ruling which mandates that audio recordings be made of all juvenile interviews and interrogations (25 units are for detectives and 25 for patrol officers). Also included in this cost are the first year maintenance plan costs of \$4,300, and training costs. Marks said they chose digital recorders because they are state of the art and should last a long time. Koth said each officer will not get a recorder. All of the detectives will have a recorder but the other 25 will be signed in and out because there will be 150 staff using them.

Motion: Swan moved, second by Tortomasi, to approve Ordinance 160-O-048. **Motion carried 5 – 0.**

Review Capital Projects in the Proposed 2006-2010 Plan for which the Committee Has Budget and Policy Oversight

Bolte and Cerreta were present to discuss the following capital projects. Also available were Biedrzycki, Evenson and Foster.

#10 – *Medical Examiner* (200616): Biedrzycki distributed and explained two handouts (statistics on # autopsies/externals per day [Jan-Apr 2005], morgue layout, maximum daily occupancy for cooler) relating to the request for expansion of refrigerated cooler space to accommodate 30 bodies, additional autopsy space and a ventilated tissue preparation and storage room.

Swan asked what will you do until 2008? Biedrzycki said the best that they can. Swan said he'd like to see it moved up a year to 2007.

Motion: Cummings moved, second by Swan, to move up \$8,000 for budget and concept to the year 2007. **Motion carried 5 – 0.**

Motion: Swan moved, second by Tortomasi, to recommend to the Executive Committee to support the committee's request to move up \$8,000 for budget and concept to the year 2007 for capital project #10 (200616). **Motion carried 5 – 0.**

#1 – *3rd Floor Courthouse, Fireproofing & Ceiling* (200307): Bolte stated this is a continuation of a project that was approved but is being delayed to keep in sync with #7 (Justice Facility Project Phase II).

Motion: Cummings moved, second by Tortomasi, to tentatively approve capital project #1 (200307). **Motion carried 5 – 0.**

#5 – *Courthouse/Admin Center Security* (200328): Bolte began by tying projects 5, 6 and 7 in with the operating budget. He stated there is a project to secure the perimeter of the Courthouse/Admin.Center, which means to limit the number of access points for the public and employees. The plan is to have two entrances (Doors 2 and 35). Because all of the work is done for #5 and all grants available have been received, they are recommending #5 be terminated.

#6 – *Courthouse Building/Grounds Security Modifications* (200611): Bolte stated they believe when the secured building is put in place next year, they will probably have an issue with the public cueing to get through security, which will cause a backup of people extending outside of the building. This project is a place holder for modifications necessary to the front of the building to create some kind of security lobby in 2007. Once the secure perimeter goes into place in 2006, there will be a study in 2006. Based on their observations, a project will be implemented in 2007 to take care of the problems they anticipate will occur.

#7 – *Justice Facility Project Phase II* (200326): Bolte said the original plan called for a security point inside the building, which was separate from the existing Courthouse and has now been eliminated. The security checkpoint will be at the front of this whole complex so therefore the basic design parameter for #7 will be changed. Harenda said he has a problem with Door 3 being closed, as it is the entrance that County Board Supervisors use extensively. Bolte explained a couple of the exceptions that are being considered but Door 3 is not part of those decisions. Foster said the Security Committee is considering many issues that are policy decisions.

To Evenson's concern, Bolte replied the redesign has eliminated the single secured checkpoint entering the new courts building. However, if the county board does not support it, Bolte said they'll have to go back for redesign of the building. One way or another though, this building (courthouse) will have controlled access. Tortomasi asked do you know how many courthouses in the state have full perimeter security? Bolte said Dane and Milwaukee do. Mader said Rock County does.

Cummings said she understands the need for security but at this time will be voting no to adjust to these dollar totals. She might change her vote on the Board floor. Harenda said he doesn't feel comfortable voting for it until there is a new County Executive because there are so many decisions that will be made after that person is in. Bolte said that is exactly what this is. We are delaying until after the County Executive is elected. Mitchell said he sees it as approving the understanding that money is going to be spent in those areas. He said we're not approving a specific plan but are recognizing that we are going to be doing something.

Motion: Swan moved, second by Tortomasi, to tentatively approve capital projects 5, 6, and 7 as recommended. **Motion carried 3 – 2; Cummings and Harenda voting no.**

Motion to adjourn: Harenda moved, second by Cummings, to adjourn the meeting at 10:33 a.m. Motion carried 5 - 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Mareth K. Kipp
Secretary

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